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MERRIMAC

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**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
FOR THE TOWN OF MERRIMAC**

October 7, 2009

Present were Steve Peetz, Chair, Supervisor John Gaedke, Supervisor Terry Frosch, and Tim McCumber, Town Administrator & Clerk – Treasurer. The Public Hearing regarding the proposed 2009 budget for the Town of Merrimac was called to order by Peetz. Richard Grant, E13485 Baltic Rd., congratulated the board on keeping the levy the same as last year. No other persons appeared. Motion to close the hearing by Gaedke, second by Frosch. Motion passed.

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

October 7, 2009

Chairman Steve Peetz called to order a Special Town Meeting of the electors of the Town of Merrimac on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 immediately following the Public Hearing on the proposed 2009 budget. This meeting is called pursuant to 60.12(1)(c) of Wis. Statutes by the Town. In attendance were: Steve Peetz, Town Chair, Tim McCumber, Town Clerk, Jerry and Andrea Groth, Richard Grant, Terry Frosch, and John Gaedke. McCumber noted that the 2010 salaries are to remain the same as any changes could not take effect until 2011. A motion was made by Richard Grant to adopt the 2009 town tax levy of \$203,474, to be paid in 2010, pursuant to Section 61.10 (1)(a) of Wis. Statutes. A second by John Gaedke. Motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING

October 7, 2009

Present were Steve Peetz, Chair, Supervisor John Gaedke, Supervisor Terry Frosch, and Tim McCumber, Town Administrator & Clerk – Treasurer.

Peetz called the **TOWN BOARD MEETING** to order immediately after the Special Town Meeting. McCumber confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed. The board considered approval of minutes of the town board meeting of September 2, 2009 and the Special Town Board meeting of September 4, 2009. Motion by Gaedke to approve both, second by Frosch. Motion passed. The board reviewed the financial reports and approval of bills. Motion by Peetz to approve, second by Gaedke. Motion passed. Under **PUBLIC COMMENT**, no one appeared. Under **CORRESPONDENCE**, the town received a letter and audio tape from Baraboo Ambulance. The letter reported that Sauk Prairie Ambulance denied a request for paramedic intercept from Merrimac Fire, but admitted an intercept would not have affected the patient's outcome. The tape was not played. Under **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**, McCumber reported he would be attending the Annual WI Towns' Association Meeting – October 11-14 in Stevens Point; he reported on an upcoming Board of Appeals Hearing October 10 for William and Jeanne Kirchstein; and stated he will be attending SVRS training on October 20 & 21 in Madison; he also reported that he had been invited by the Local Government Institute, a consortium of the Wisconsin Towns' Association, League of Municipalities, and the WI Counties' Association, to participate in a focus group that will determine why such reports as the Kettle Commission Sheehy Commission were not able to implement regionalized delivery of services where practical. He reported he intends to participate as he thinks it will benefit the town if we have a voice for smaller governments in this process. Grant reported on progress with Richard A. Grant Park stating the structural hazards have been removed and some nice trails have been cut for walking and access to fishing. There was no **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**. Under **NEW BUSINESS**, the board discussed a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission to approve a Certified Survey Map to combine Lots 1 & 2 of Dan-Mar Subdivision (Tax Parcels 0944-00000 and 0945-00000); application by Jerry and Andrea Groth, E13892 Dan-Mar Ct., Merrimac. Motion to approve by Gaedke. Second Frosch. Motion passed. The board next discussed an action to confirm the chair's appointment of Richard Sereg to the Sauk Prairie Ambulance Commission (SPAC). Motion by Frosch, second by Gaedke. Motion passed. The board also discussed an amendment to the SPAC agreement to eliminate non-payment billing to the Town.

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Motion by Peetz, second by Gaedke. The board considered action to donate \$100 to the Merrimac Senior Fitness Program. Motion by Peetz, second by Gaedke. Motion passed. Next the board discussed a Town Acknowledgement Form for Ashok Bhatia requesting a variance to the Sauk County Shoreland Protection ordinance to the Shoreline Setback to construct a deck and for filling and grading; E13295 Sue Kay Dr. (Parcel 026-0971-00000. Motion to acknowledge the form was received. Second by Frosch. Motion passed. The board also discussed the 2010 contract for Town Planning services through VandeWalle & Associates reflecting a 25% reduction in hourly fees. Motion to accept by Peetz, second Frosch. Motion passed. The board discussed revising the approved Garbage & Recycling assessment from \$106.00 to \$108.00 due to state tipping fees increase. McCumber noted the contractor has decided to maximize their contractual ability to increase their fees by 4% and wanted to add the states increased tipping fee cost. He added he sent a reply to the contractor notifying them the tipping fees could not be added under the contract and received no response. A motion to adopt the assessment to be \$108.00, was made by Peetz, second by Frosch. Finally, the board discussed the 2010 Annual Budget and establishing the Town Levy to be \$203,474. McCumber reviewed the budget noting it reflects a decrease in spending. Because of the the state's cuts in shared revenue, it was not possible to lower the levy that was presented to the Special Town Meeting for approval earlier in the evening. Motion to approve the budget by Peetz, second by Frosch. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Frosch. Second Gaedke. Motion passed.